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NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 4 hours from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, August 21 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during Monday night's 3-hour opening was 3,467 chum salmon. The catch was average for this time period. The commercial harvest to date is over 286,000 chum salmon and is the best harvest since 1995.

Kobuk River test fish catch index has set a record with the best year's catch index in the 21-year project history.

Continuing with short duration commercial fishing periods should not jeopardize subsistence opportunity or escapement.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.